

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-3 and 106-109 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Claim 106 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1-3. Claims 106-109 are pending for examination with claim 106 being an independent claim. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action states that claim 106 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Swager (Acc. Chem. Res., 1998, 31, 201-207).

Applicant has amended claim 106, which does not stand rejected on this ground, to be in independent form by including the limitations of claims 1-3. Thus, amended claim 106 is patentable over Swager for at least this reason. Claims 107-109 depend from claim 106, and therefore, are also patentable over Swager. Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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